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LOCAL BANK RESOURCES VASTLY INCREASED

FDR Tells World 'Axis Asked For It and Are Going to Get It'

President Roosevelt today delivered his message to the 78th congress.

Reviewing the progress of the war in 1942, he gave the highlights of the year on the fighting fronts and production lines, giving figures which he said would afford no comfort to the enemy.

Touching on the various areas of war operations, he paid great tribute to Ameri-

can fighting men and to those of the other Allied Nations.

In the Pacific the President pointed out that the advance of Japan was stopped in 1942 and that in 1943 our forces would advance. The greatest single action during the year, he said, was the American victory in the naval battle off Midway island. He predicted that the

island of Japan would feel the brunt of air attacks.

President Roosevelt said that the axis forces will be cleaned off the southern shores of the Mediterranean and that Allied forces will strike and strike hard at Europe in one or several places.

In Africa American planes have destroyed two of the enemy for every one lost. Against the Japanese Ameri-

can planes have downed four to every one lost.

Speaking of the Axis nations, the President said: "They asked for it and they are going to get it."

Plane production last year was 48,000 in the United States and the rate is increasing. In December over 5,000 war planes were produced. The yearly figure is greater than combined Axis production.

Legislature Gathers In The Capitol

Story From Wilkes, Brock In the Senate

North Carolina legislature met Wednesday in regular biennial session.

Wilkes county is represented in the house of representatives by Representative T. E. Story, of Wilkesboro.

Representing the 24th district in the senate is B. C. Brock, Mocksville attorney and a former state senator. The district is composed of Davie, Yadkin and Wilkes counties.

Representative Story, who left for Raleigh Monday, is serving his second term in the house and is one of 12 Republican representatives. Senator Brock is one of two Republicans in the state senate.

In caucusing Tuesday Democrats named Representative John H. Kerr, of Warren county, as speaker of the House and Senator J. Hampton Price, of Rockingham, as president pro tem of the Senate. Lieut. Gov. R. L. Harris is presiding officer of the senate.

Governor J. M. Broughton today delivered his message to the General Assembly, in which he urged that at least \$20,000,000 of the \$30,000,000 general fund surplus be invested in government bonds as a post war reserve and that pay of teachers be increased as of January 1, 1943.

Interviewers Of Civil Service To Be Here On 9th

Will Be At Employment Office Saturday Morning Seeking Workers

Lt. James H. Taylor and Miss Constance Robin, of the Civil Service Commission, will be at the United States Employment Service office here Saturday, January 9, to interview persons interested in obtaining civil service jobs.

A wide range of jobs are open for persons who qualify and immediate placement is assured.

Attention is also called to the fact that representatives will be here on January 19 at the employment office to interview Under Secretary operators for the Baltimore Social Security office.

Poultry Prices Up at F. C. X.

Farmers Cooperative Exchange Here Raised Market Price On Poultry

Farmers Cooperative Exchange here located in the Cobard building on D street is getting higher cash prices to be paid for poultry Saturday of this week. The F. C. X. here, which is (Continued on page four)

NOW IN AFRICA



Sgt. Lawrence H. Walsh, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Walsh, of Purlear, is now with the U. S. Army force in Africa. A cablegram was received recently, wishing his family back home a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Sgt. Walsh joined the National Guard in North Wilkesboro, Sept. 16, 1940.

Tax Listers For Wilkes County Are Appointed

Task of Listing Property and Poll For Taxation May Begin About January 23rd

Wilkes county board of commissioners has approved the appointment of tax listers for all Wilkes county townships as submitted by C. T. Doughton, county accountant and tax supervisor.

Present plans call for beginning the task of listing property and poll for taxation about January 23.

Tax listers for the various townships follow: Antioch, A. F. Sale; Beaver Creek, L. F. Walsh; Boomer, Tom Greer; Brushy Mountain, J. M. Costner; Edwards No. 1, Elmer Anthony; Edwards No. 2, Finnis Anthony; Edwards No. 3, Dallas Carter; Elk No. 1, P. H. Blankenship; Elk No. 2, Arthur Walsh; Jobs Cabin, D. F. Beshears; Lewis Fork, Albert McGee; Lovelace, R. F. Johnson; Moravian Falls, Mrs. B. B. Pearson; Mulberry No. 1, Mrs. Opal Dancy; Mulberry No. 2, Will Watson; New Castle, G. C. Green; North Wilkesboro, J. B. McCoy; Rattles River, T. A. Eller; Rock Creek, F. C. Johnson; Stanton, Vernon Eller; Somers, Sanford Prevette; Traphill No. 1, Charlie Pruitt; Traphill No. 2, C. S. Johnson; Union, W. H. Whittington; Walnut Grove No. 1, T. A. Johnson; Walnut Grove No. 2, A. A. Wyatt; Wilkesboro No. 1, Mrs. H. W. Brookshire; Wilkesboro No. 2, Miss Catharine Holland.

New Open Hours For Rationing Boards

Both rationing board offices in Wilkes are now observing the following hours of being open to the public: Mondays through Fridays 10 a. m. to five p. m.; Saturdays, 8:30 a. m. until 12 noon.

Wilkes Baptist Pastors Meet Monday, 10 a. m. The regular monthly meeting of the Wilkes County Baptist Pastors' Conference will be held Monday, January 11, 10:00 a. m. at the Reins Sturdivant Chapel.

War Bond Quota Set At \$75,600

War bond quota for Wilkes county for the month of January is \$75,600, J. R. Hix, war bond sale chairman for Wilkes, announced today.

This quota includes sales of war bonds in their several denominations but does not include the large government securities.

Mr. Hix said he had not received a report from headquarters on the amount of war bonds sold in Wilkes in December but expressed confidence that the quota had been purchased.

A report of war bond sales in Wilkes for the first 15 days of December showed that a total of \$42,000 in war bonds had been bought in the county. Sales during the latter half of the month were expected to swell the total in excess of the county's quota for the month, which was \$56,300.

Board Accepts Audit For Year

North Wilkesboro Government In Excellent Financial Condition, Audit Shows

North Wilkesboro board of commissioners in January session with Mayor R. T. McNeil accepted the audit as presented by Charles E. Hagaman and made contract with Hagaman to audit the town's business for the fiscal year to end on June 30, 1943.

The audit as presented showed that the town is in splendid financial condition, having met the budget fully during the year. All accounts were in excellent shape and the bonded debt was reduced by \$23,500 during the year.

The board transacted the usual routine business. All members as follows were present for the meeting of the board: J. R. Hix, R. G. Finley, Ralph Duncan, H. M. Hutchens and A. F. Kilby.

C. E. Jenkins, Jr., Will Report 15th For Army Service

C. E. Jenkins, Jr., prominent local business man, will report January 15, for army service at Fort Jackson, S. C.

Mr. Jenkins has already been inducted and was granted furlough until January 15.

Mr. Jenkins has been secretary of the North Wilkesboro Lions Club for the past few months. The club has elected Bill Marlow as secretary, for the remainder of the club year.

Absher and Brame Planning Polio Fund Drive In Wilkes

W. F. Absher and Phillip Brame, have been appointed co-chairmen for Wilkes county to raise funds to fight infantile paralysis in connection with the annual President's Ball celebration.

All in Wilkes Will Have Opportunity To Contribute To Paralysis Fund

It will be the tenth annual campaign in the drive to bring about remedies and prevention of infantile paralysis and will be conducted from January 15-30. The chairman for Wilkes said today that Miss Lois Scroggs has been named treasurer of the campaign fund for Wilkes and that an opportunity would be given to

Asking For Ton Old Silk, Nylon Hose

Defense Supply Corporation is asking for a ton of discarded silk and nylon hosiery from the ladies of this community.

R. E. Gibbs, manager of the J. C. Penney company store here, received a request from the Defense Supply Corporation, asking that he act as collector of discarded silk and nylon here and he has placed a box in front of the store where ladies may deposit their old silk and nylon stockings.

The materials will be used to make gun powder bags. The only request in preparation of the silk and nylon is that it be laundered before it is taken to the collection point.

Director Girl Scouting Here For One Month

Miss Florine Ray to Conduct Course For Leaders And For Council Members

Miss Florine Ray, itinerant director of Girl Scouts in the Juliet Low region, has arrived in this city to spend a month working with the Girl Scout troops and leaders of the Wilkesboro council.

One of the first activities under direction of Miss Ray will be a girl Scout leaders' training course, which will begin Thursday, January 7, and continue on January 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 and 28, meeting from seven until nine p. m. each evening of the above dates at the town hall.

Miss Ray will meet with the Wilkesboro council on January 11, 18 and 25. This group will meet from seven until nine p. m. in homes of members of the council. The first meeting, on January 11, will be held in the home of Mrs. W. E. Jones.

BABY FOUND DEAD IN BED

Lucille, two-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Perry, of New Castle township, was found dead in bed this morning about three o'clock. Coroner I. M. Myers investigated the death and said the baby died of croup. Burial service will be at Lovett's Chapel on highway 18 at two o'clock Friday.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

To Levy Tax For School

Five-Room Structure For Roaring River Being Planned

Wilkes county board of commissioners in January session voted to levy a tax to construct a five-room frame structure as an addition to the Roaring River school plant.

The action to levy a tax to erect a frame structure was contained in a motion by F. D. Forester, seconded by M. F. Absher, which specified that the building was not to cost in excess of five thousand dollars.

Roaring River is one of the schools in Wilkes which has been operating with crowded conditions.

The commissioners in resolutions declared the offices of constable in Stanton township and Moravian Falls township vacant because Job Ashley, elected in Stanton, and Ed Hayes, elected in Moravian Falls, had failed to appear and file bonds. Vernon Rogers was named constable in Moravian Falls by vote of Forester and Paul J. Vestal. No one was named to fill the vacancy in Stanton.

J. C. Jones, keeper of the county home, was authorized to construct a hen house for the tubercular hut and a hen house for the county home. He was also authorized to purchase tools to do the work.

The board authorized Paul J. Vestal, chairman, to admit persons to the county home in case of emergency.

Sewing Room Is Open For Work

Red Cross Knitting Supplies May Also Be Obtained From Sewing Room

Mrs. J. A. Rousseau, chairman of Special Volunteer Service for the Wilkes chapter of the American Red Cross, announced today that the sewing room over Tomlinson's Department store has reopened following the holiday season. The sewing room is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons and Thursday nights. Much sewing must be done soon if Wilkes is to meet the quotas.

Attention is also called to the fact that supplies of wool and other materials for Red Cross knitting may be obtained at the sewing room.

Court To Convene Monday Morning

Judge Zeb V. Nettles, of Asheville, will preside over the three-week term of Wilkes court which will convene on Monday morning, January 11.

About 75 cases, which includes the motion calendar, has been arranged by the Wilkes Bar association.

NOW IN SERVICE



Pvt. James E. Church, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Church, of North Wilkesboro, is stationed at Fort Benning, Ga. Pvt. Church, who is well known here, was inducted into the service on November 21, and is getting along fine. He visited his parents here last week.

Man Burned To Death In Automobile

Funeral service was held Wednesday at Mt. Sinai church for Paris R. Souther, age 30, who was found burned to death in his automobile on a country road about one mile from his home on North Wilkesboro route three Monday night.

Coroner I. M. Myers, who investigated the death, said that Souther died from burns and that there was no evidence of foul play. He was alone and had been to carry a neighbor home. The coroner said that he was informed that Souther was intoxicated. The car was completely destroyed and Souther's body was badly burned.

Souther was a son of Lee and Goldie Moore Souther, of North Wilkesboro route three. Surviving are his parents, wife and one child, and seven brothers and sisters: Stella Souther, Winston-Salem; Luella, Rachel, Julia and Brewster Souther, of North Wilkesboro route three; Freddie Souther, who is in the army, and Dewitt Souther, of Camp Lee, Va.

Rev. J. P. Robinson conducted the funeral service.

Need Students In Aircraft Classes At City Schools

Course At School Trains People For War Jobs; Training Is Free

The aircraft construction course at the North Wilkesboro high school can handle several more trainees.

The course gives valuable instruction in aircraft construction to men or women and no charge is made for the training.

On completion of the course the trainees can immediately be placed in aircraft construction plants engaged in production of war planes.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

Big Gains Made In 6 Months

Resources, Deposits Here Increase \$3,000,000

Resources of the two local banks here have reached new high record totals, statements of the Bank of North Wilkesboro and the Northwestern Bank released today showed.

Both the local institutions showed large increases in resources and deposits during the latter half of 1942.

Total increase in deposits for both banks was more than \$3,000,000 between June 30, 1942, and December 31, 1942.

The Northwestern Bank, with home office here and branches at Sparta, Jefferson, Boone, Blowing Rock, Furnessville, Spruce Pine, Valdese, Bakersville and Taylorsville, listed resources as of Dec. 31 totaling \$9,078,108.66, representing an increase of \$2,121,184.43 over the June 30, 1942, total of \$6,956,924.23. Deposits had a corresponding increase of \$2,133,468.00, jumping from \$8,279,561.20 on June 30 to \$8,413,029.20 on December 31.

The Bank of North Wilkesboro, largest unit bank in this section of the state, had an increase of almost a million dollars in the six-month period from June 30, 1942, to December 31, 1942.

Resources of the Bank of North Wilkesboro on December 31 totaled \$3,919,523.10, representing an increase of \$973,365.27 over the June 30 total of \$2,946,157.83.

Deposits of the Bank of North Wilkesboro during that period increased \$924,327.89, totals being \$2,644,490.93 for June 30 and \$3,568,818.82 for December 31.

Both of the local banking institutions have aided in the war financing program by investing heavily in government securities and by encouraging and promoting the sale of war bonds to individuals, corporations and organizations.

Stockholders Of Banks Will Meet

Northwestern Bank Meeting January 12; Bank of North Wilkesboro, January 21

Banks in North Wilkesboro will have their annual stockholders' meeting this month.

Stockholders of the Northwestern bank, which has home office here and branches in several northwestern North Carolina towns, will meet at the bank on Tuesday, January 12, 11 a. m. Report of the year's business will be rendered and directors for the ensuing year will be elected.

Bank of North Wilkesboro stockholders will meet at the bank on Thursday morning, January 21, 10 a. m., for receiving reports for the year and election of directors.

Both banks have experienced large increase in resources and deposits during the past year, reaching new high marks in total resources.

Notice to Dealers In Gasoline

Any gasoline dealer who has B and C coupons which were accepted before they were reduced to 3 gallons, must return such coupons before 12:00 o'clock, noon, January 9, 1943. After this date Rationing Boards will allow distribution only 3 gallons per coupon.